(b) Institutions set up for 'charitable purposes' as defined in Section 2 (15) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 are covered under the category of charitable institutes.

(c) The advancement of any object beneficial to the public or a section of public as distinguished from an individual or group of individuals is an object of general public utility. Therefore, promotion of sports and games is considered to be a charitable purpose within the meaning of Section 2(15) of the Income Tax Act, 1961. As BCCI is engaged in promotion of cricket in India, therefore, BCCI has been registered under Section 12A of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

World Bank assistance for drinking water projects in Tamil Nadu

3237. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to take World Bank assistance for drinking water projects especially in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the latest position of these projects as on today?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government of India has proposed to take World Bank assistance for Drinking Water Supply projects in the rural areas of the States of Uttaranchal, Punjab and Tamil Nadu. These projects are in various stages of preparation and are likely to be negotiated during the current financial year.

Aid to sick small-scale industries in Andhra Pradesh

†3238. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether scheduled and nationalised banks are providing financial aid to sick small scale industries in Andhra Pradesh for their revival;

(b) if so, the details of the financial aids provided by these banks to such small scale industrial units during the last three years including the current year, district-wise; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.